

ABSTRACT

AL-IB-064

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(143)

1767 (first set 1902)

Piney Grove, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(143) marks an irregular distance from the preceding monument on ^{Mason and Dixon's} 230.228-mile West Line, ^{the provincial boundary} later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original milestone of 1767, among those found ^{unused} in the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, and ^{was} first set at this new site on the Line ^{in 1902} during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is an ^{embellished} Oolitic limestone post, quarried and carved in England, ^{with a P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and an M on the south side facing Maryland.} measures close to 12 inches square and stands about 22 inches above ground. It is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments ^{cut of 37} marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 143)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER east side of Orleans Road/PA 26

CITY, TOWN

Piney Grove ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Fulton

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IB-064 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION

___EXCELLENT
 XGOOD
 ___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
 ___RUINS
 ___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

XUNALTERED
 ___ALTERED

CHECK ONE

___ORIGINAL SITE
 ___MOVED DATE _____
 X additional site (1 .)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ----(143), an original milestone of 1767, marks an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line, established and first set in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in comparatively good condition, unaltered, standing about 22 inches above ground, conspicuously out of plumb, not firmly set, and greatly endangered by its proximity to the road.

The area here is sparsely settled, stretch of high, fairly level farmland to the south, becoming wooded to the north, at the east edge and paralleling of Town Hill. The site is within Election District 1 of Allegany County, MD, and Union Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1 1/2 miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Piney Grove, MD; about 1 1/2 miles south-southwest of the area known as Barnes Gap, PA; about 2 feet off the east side of Orleans Road/PA 26 in the shoulder at road grade level, but not protected by the Fulton Co. Union Twp. sign and PA highway 3-sided concrete boundary monument. It can be easily seen and crashed into from the road, all seasons, unless it disappears through neglect.

This milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post, (though no longer with a low pyramidal top), quarried and carved in England, and originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more in length, out to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Both letters and circle panels are clear, and most fluting and margins remain, except for the top, which has been badly chipped and is now a rumpled flat, with no planes or fluting. The stone itself measures about 11 1/2 inches wide on three sides, and about 12 inches on the south side; is leaning toward the road (west), as though there had been an attempt to pull it out; has a bullet hole on the south side; has chips along all edges and top corners (especially the top southwest corner); and speckled with a liberal sprinkling of lichen.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments, and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1767 (milestone)	BUILDER/ARCHITECT SURVEYORS	Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
	1902 (first set)		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(143) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, the ^{provincial} boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The area here was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, but not monumented until 1902 at ^{this} new site, established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The milestone is one of the original monuments of 1767 found by the Resurvey in the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, and set at this point in order to more clearly define the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments, ^{one of 37} marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(143) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acrequadangle name: Bellegrove (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5
minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 72566, northing 440060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Fulton

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

6/1/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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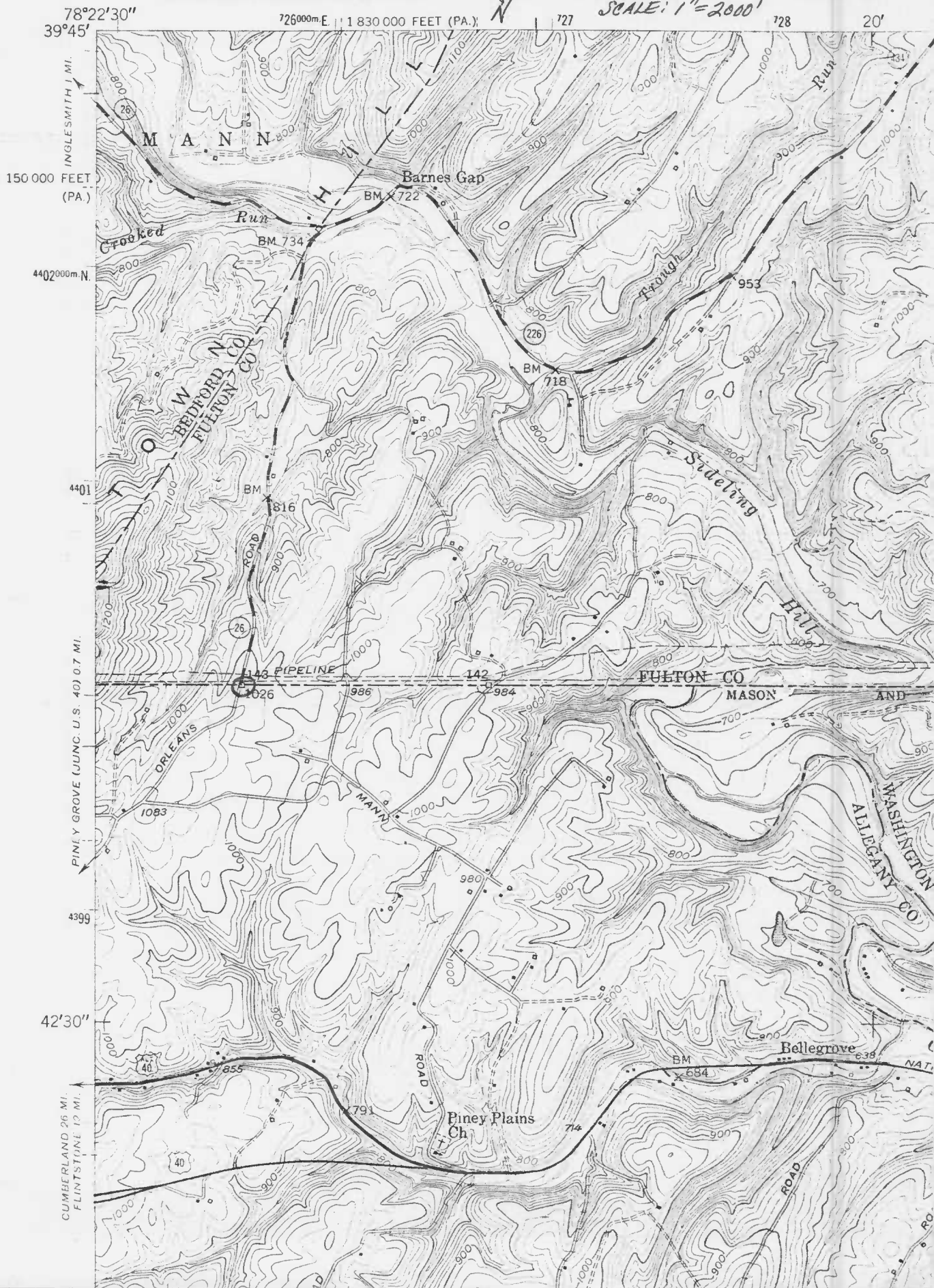
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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BELLEGRIVE QUADRANGLE 1951 (PHOTO REV. 1974)
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SCALE: 1" = 2000'





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MASON: DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (143)
SW CORNER (—/14) E EDGE OF OKLEANS RD.

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (143)
NE CORNER (—/P)

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